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From: Chief of Navy Chaplains  
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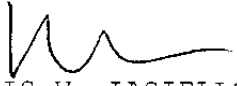
Encl: (1) CREDO multi-tiered approach guide


1. For over 30 years, CREDO has been a successful and life transforming ministry, enhancing the lives of thousands of Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard personnel, and their families. Rooted in the foundational 72-hour "Personal Growth Retreat," CREDO's success has come in helping participants move from brokenness to wholeness through a process of reflection, sharing, music, and time apart. In FY 2001, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-1) rated CREDO the Navy's number one Quality of Life program.

2. Being number one does not ensure a program will stay number one. New situations present new challenges. The war on terrorism poses such a challenge. It gives us the opportunity to move CREDO from "good to great." Operational tempos have increased significantly, families are separated for longer periods of time, and war has taken on a new dimension. CREDO must now make a conscious effort to meet the needs of operational forces. It must go beyond the shore based retreat model to include a forward deployed model, being present with deployed personnel while continuing to serve spouses and families back home. CREDO must have a multi-tiered service approach:

CREDO AFLOAT- programs to deployed personnel returning home  
CREDO AT HOME- programs at home for families  
CREDO IN THEATER- programs for personnel in an operational area

3. Attached is an overview on MOBILE CREDO, providing more details of the program. Next week, CREDO chaplains from each CREDO site will meet to receive training and develop manuals. These manuals will then be distributed to senior Chaplain Corps leadership for review. I need your dedicated support to ensure the successful execution of this ministry. The spiritual and emotional well-being of our Sailors and Marines depends upon it.

  
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